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REF: STATE 205678

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED UNGA WITH VINCENT PHIRI, MIN EXTAFF POL DEPT CHIEF, WHO IS DIRECTLY IN CHARGE OF UN AFFAIRS. PHIRI HAS BEEN ABSENT FOR ONE WEEK IN MAPUTO. DISCUSSION TOUCHED ON ALL SUBJECTS REFTEL. EMBOFF PROVIDED PHIRI WITH COPY OF SEPTEMBER 6 WIRELESS FILE INTERVIEW WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY NAYNES (STATE 214414).
2. MIDDLE EAST. PHIRI WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD PALESTINIAN HOMELAND. HE WAS DOUBTFUL THAT PLO WOULD IN NEAR FUTURE ACCEPT RESOLUTION 242, AND HE COMMENTED THAT U.S. SHOULD FOCUS MORE ATTENTION ON PALESTINIAN HOMELAND PROBLEM AS MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN RESOLVING CONFLICT. (COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MALAWI DOES NOT HAVE ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANY ARAB COUNTRY AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, RECOGNIZES ISRAEL WHICH HAS DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN LILONGWE.)
3. CYPRUS. PHIRI WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN US OPPOSITION TO TURK-CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION IN PLENARY. PHIRI ASKED FOR AND EMBOFF PROVIDED RATIONALE FOR US POSITION WHEREUPON PHIRI INDICATED THAT GOM WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW US LEAD.

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4. RHODESIA. PHIRI SAID THAT GOM FULLY AGREES WITH U.S. VIEW THAT UNGA SHOULD NOT SPPORT ANY RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD ENDANGER CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS.
5. NAMIBIA. GOM CONTINUES TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION 385 AND APPARENTLY WISHES TO PREVENT ADOPTION OF ANY MEASURE WHICH COULD ENDANGER NEGOTIATIONS.
6. PUERTO RICO AND GUAM. AFTER EMBOFF BRIEFLY DESCRIBED

BACKGROUND OF BOTH QUESTIONS, PHIRI APPEARED INTERESTED MORE IN GUAM ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED THAT GOM ACCEPTS US POSITION ON PUERTO RICO. RE GUAM, HE APPEARED UNCERTAIN AS TO GOM ATTITUDE SINCE HE, FOR ONE, DOES NOT UNDERSTAND HOW A TINY REMOTE ISLAND USED PRIMARILY AS A MILITARY BASE COULD BE RETAINED BY THE US. HOWEVER, HE APPEARED NOT TO BE IN DISAGREEMENT WITH THE US BUT SIMPLY NEEDS FURTHER CLARIFICATION, WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE.

7. KOREA. HE SAID THAT, SINCE GOM DOES NOT RECOGNIZE ANY COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, IT WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW US LEAD.

8. HUMAN RIGHTS. PHIRI HAD NO COMMENT ON ANY ASPECT THIS SUBJECT EXCEPT TO CONFIRM THAT GOM DOES NOT AGREE WITH ZIONISM-RACISM LINKAGE.

9. UN MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. PHIRI'S ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT NONESSENTIAL AND INEFFECTIVE UN PROGRAMS SHOULD BE ELIMINATED.

10. ECONOMIC ISSUES. PHIRI HAD NO SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS. STEVENSON

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